

AWFUL FATE OF SOLDIERS

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PHILADELPHIA TRAGEDY

While Leaning Out of the Car Windows to Respond to an Ovation, Two Men Are Instantly Killed. Others Are Seriously Injured. Army Officers and Police Indulge in a Wrangle.

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—Two private soldiers of battery K, First United States artillery, were instantly killed today and two others seriously injured by having their heads crushed against the iron girders of the railroad bridge at the Ridge avenue crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad in this city. The dead are: Victor Teusey, aged 21, No. 147 North Eighth street, St. Louis, and William Chichester, aged 21, 226 Front street, Jersey City. The injured are Harry Pulaski and Peter Burns. The bodies of the dead soldiers are at the morgue in this city, while the injured were taken on to Willett's Point, to which place the men were bound.

The command to which the men belonged were in a special train which had taken them aboard at Tampa. It consisted of a baggage car, seven passenger coaches and one Pullman. All along the journey north the soldiers were greeted with cheers. While passing through this city their reception was marked with additional enthusiasm. At the Ridge avenue station a large crowd waved hats and handkerchiefs as the train came along. The soldiers leaned far out of the car windows and steps and returned the welcome. Teusey stood far out on the lower step and failed to notice the iron girders supporting the bridge. His face was completely crushed in. The other men had been leaning from the windows. The train was stopped and the dead and injured picked up. The army officers insisted upon taking the dead men with them, and the railroad and police officials would not permit it. A delay of an hour resulted, and it was finally decided to leave the dead men behind and take the injured along.

HOBSON'S SCHEME

He Will Raise the Sunken Vessels with Air Bags.

New York, Aug. 23.—The transport Securance sailed for Santiago at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Among her passengers is Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson, who is going to try his rubber bag scheme for raising two of the sunken vessels of Cervera's squadron. The lieutenant is accompanied by his private secretary, Roland S. Gielow, of the naval reserve, and A. G. Gill, a representative of the Merritt Wrecking company.

Thirty-nine members of the Third volunteer signal corps and eighteen members of the Eighth Illinois volunteer infantry (colored) who were left behind when the auxiliary cruiser Yale started for Santiago, were also on board the Securance.

HASTINGS MUST CHOOSE

He Will Select the Troops to Be Mustered Out.

Harrisburg, Aug. 23.—Governor Hastings received a message tonight from Adjutant General Corbin, requesting him to indicate what Pennsylvania regiments he desired to be mustered out. As this is a matter of serious consideration the governor replied that it required time to make the selections.

WHEELER'S BULLETIN

Members of His Command Are in Good Health and Spirits.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The department today posted a dispatch from General Wheeler, in command at Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, N. Y., in which he says: "I have labored incessantly inspecting and organizing, and am glad to say that the command is improving in health and spirits. There has been but twenty deaths since camp was organized. The change in conditions for the better in the last four days has been marked."

Six Killed by Lightning

Copenhagen, Aug. 23.—A terrible thunder storm swept the whole of Jutland peninsula today. Many buildings were struck by lightning; six persons were killed and thirty-nine farm buildings and thirteen houses burned.

Pennsylvania Pensions

Washington, Aug. 23.—This Pennsylvania pension has been issued. Original widows, etc.—Aurilia F. Smith, Scranton.

THE PATRIOTIC SONS.

They hold the Thirty-third Annual Session at York.

York, Pa., Aug. 23.—The thirty-third annual session of the state camp of the Patriotic Sons of America convened in this city today. President Colborn, in his annual address reported the past year as one of great prosperity to the order. The state secretary's report shows that twenty camps were organized in the state during the year.

The state treasurer reports \$13,868 as having been paid out during the year and a balance on hand of \$7,830. Nominations for state officers were made this forenoon when the adjournment was effected.

The afternoon session was devoted almost entirely to the election of officers for the ensuing year. There were several candidates for each of the offices, except that of secretary, and the list from the meeting of Mr. William Weand, was re-elected. The vote on the other offices has not yet been computed. The oratorical contest in the evening was in charge of State President A. J. Colborn, of Scranton. The first prize was awarded to each in the junior and senior classes. They were: Junior class, Arthur J. Ransom, subject "Patriotism True and False," and G. W. Spotts, subject "Memorial Day." The first prize was a gold medal, which was awarded to Mr. Spotts; second prize, silver medal, awarded to Mr. Ransom. The contestants of the senior class were: David A. Davis, subject "Evolution of Americanism," and W. J. Noll, subject "Does War Bring Peace?" The first prize, a gold medal, was awarded to Mr. Noll, and the second prize, a silver medal, was awarded to Mr. Davis.

DUNNING CASE.

Mrs. Botkin Claims to Have Received Threatening Letters.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—Chief of Police Lees has made no arrest as yet in the Dunning poisoning case, though he is in communication with the Delaware authorities and may make some move at any moment. Chief Lees intimates that he has some very important information bearing upon the case but will not make public the details.

CATHOLICS ON SCHOOLS.

German Branch Object to Anything Save the Parochial Institutions.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 23.—At today's session of the German Roman Catholic convention, five bishops, were present. Two of them made addresses, one of them delivered an address, that came from Rome direct, instructing and urging the members of the societies when they returned to their homes to spread broadcast the words, which might be said to come almost directly from the Pope himself. These utterances were made by Bishop Messmer, who has just returned from his pilgrimage to Rome, and he spoke concerning the school question.

NO COTS FOR SOLDIERS.

Patients at Camp Wikoff Obligated to Sleep on the Floor.

Montauk Point, L. I., Aug. 23.—Colonel Forward today reported that over 1,000 patients in the general hospital at Camp Wikoff and 200 or more sleeping on the floor, there being no cots for them. The Red Cross society are now giving special attention to the men of the regular army, who have been overlooked in the distribution of delicacies and other things to make them comfortable.

FRED WRIGHT NOMINATED.

He Captures the Republican Congress of the Fifteenth District.

Susquehanna, Pa., Aug. 23.—C. Fred Wright, of Susquehanna, was today nominated for congress from the Fifteenth district by the republican conference held in Towanda.

SMULL'S HANDBOOK.

Harrisburg, Aug. 23.—Governor Hastings this evening after a close examination of the Smull's Handbook, the distribution of which has been delayed by a technicality, consulted with Superintendent of Public Printing Thos. M. Jones and advised that he order its being sent out according to law. Superintendent Jones notified the public printer to at once begin the distribution of the volume. The governor complimented Mr. Jones and said that it is the finest handbook ever issued. Its printing under Superintendent Jones will cost \$10,000 less than last year.

ST. LOUIS REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—The republican state convention met here today and effected a German Schuchbach, who followed Bishop Messmer, said he fully endorsed all that Bishop Messmer said.

NEW JERSEY REPUBLICANS.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 23.—The republican state committee met at the Trenton House in this city today and decided to call the republican state convention to meet in Trenton on September 22 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for governor.

CAPTAIN EVANS III.

New York, Aug. 23.—Captain Robley D. Evans is confined to his quarters on the battleship Iowa as he sprained his foot slightly while ashore on Staten Island two days ago, but he expects to be around again in a day or two.

TROOPS ARE TO BE MUSTERED OUT

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN TO BE DISCHARGED SOON.

MARTIMAS WINS.

Exciting Race for the Great Futurity Stakes at Sheephead Bay.

New York, Aug. 23.—Fifteen thousand people saw Martimas at the long odds of 40 to 1 win the great Futurity stakes at Sheephead Bay today. High Degree coming in second, while the public choices were nowhere. The delay at the post was the longest on record in this country. The starter administered many fines and set down for seven days four of the favorites, including Tod Sloan, autumn was the favorite with the Fleischman stables. Dr. Eichburg and Sir Hubert the next choice. There were twenty-three starters. The horses were at the post one hour and thirty-two minutes and nineteen false starts were made.

ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Will Be Appointed to Take Vote of Pennsylvania Soldiers.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 23.—Governor Hastings and Attorney General McCormick had a consultation this afternoon on the matter of taking the vote of the soldiers in the field, and decided that the provisions of the Act of 1864 and the subsequent article of the constitution of 1874 fully provided for this work, with the exception that they do not provide the means. In order that there may be no hindrance to this important matter a number of patriotic citizens have offered to advance \$7,000 necessary and this will not come from the treasury. A special session of the legislature to appropriate funds. Their offer has been accepted and Secretary Martin has prepared necessary blanks and printed instructions to the commissioners who will be elected by the governor to conduct the election.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERRITT.

He Is Given License to Rely Upon His Own Judgment.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The following dispatch has been sent to General Merritt at Manila:

MORE HOSPITAL TRAINS.

National Relief Association Will Send One to Chickamauga.

Harrisburg, Aug. 23.—Adjutant General Stewart and Secretary of the National Relief Association had a conference in Philadelphia today with the executive committee of the National Relief association at which it was decided to send a hospital train from this city tomorrow to Chickamauga. It will carry one hundred sick and injured soldiers and Ninth Pennsylvania regiments. The Philadelphia hospitals will supply physicians and nurses for the train and the hospitals in Western Pennsylvania will provide free treatment for the patients.

PAT POWERS' TROUBLES.

Base Ball Outlook at Toronto Is Not Bright.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 23.—A special from Ottawa says: The base ball outlook here is anything but bright. The club has not been paying and the management has not made enough money to pay the players. President Pat Powers, who was advised of the condition of affairs, arrived in the city today. The players threatened to quit unless the money was paid. Powers succeeded in straightening out matters, and the players were paid their back salaries. It is not at all likely that Ottawa will be in the league next year. The Ottawa people have not yet settled for the Rochester franchise, and if it is not done before the end of the season the privilege will revert to Rochester.

GROCERIES ARE NEEDED.

Mr. Van Rensselaer Cables the Necessities of Ponce.

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—Dr. Morris S. French, of the National Relief Association, today received a telegram from Alexander Van Rensselaer, dated Ponce, Porto Rico, in which he states that his yacht may left that port today for Philadelphia with fifty sick officers on board. The yacht will reach here about Sunday and arrangements have been made to remove the sick officers to the Pennsylvania and Episcopal hospitals.

DAUPHIN DEMOCRATS.

Harrisburg, Aug. 23.—The Dauphin county Democratic convention today made the following nominations: Congress, W. W. Gray, Lehighburg; district attorney, John E. Patterson, Harrisburg; city member of assembly, William Gibbons, Harrisburg; county members of assembly, A. Fortenbaugh, Halifax; Prothonotary, W. H. Patterson, Dr. D. W. Shaffer, Ephrata; director of the poor, H. C. Swartz, Harrisburg; surveyor, J. Douglas Foster, Harrisburg. The county Probation court will endorse the ticket. Messrs. Fortenbaugh and Gerberich being members of the cold water party.

SHAFER'S SANITARY REPORT.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The war department tonight received General Shaffer's sanitary report for August 23. It shows total number sick, 90; total fever cases, 63; total new fever cases, 3; total fever cases returned to duty, 8; Deaths, 3; none from yellow fever.

EMPEROR OF INDIA HAS A DAUGHTER.

London, Aug. 23.—Mrs. George N. Curzon, wife of the newly appointed viceroy of India, and formerly Miss Letler, of Chicago, was accouched of a daughter at the Priory, Reigate, today.

BIDS FOR THE NEW TORPEDO BOATS

NAVY DEPARTMENT EXAMINES PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

CAMP OF THE KNIGHTS.

The Affair at Indianapolis Successful Beyond All Expectation. Charges Are Investigated.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Fair; South to Southeast Winds.

TRADE BOOMS AT MANILA

Americans and Insurgents Are on Good Terms.

THE REFUSAL TO DISARM

Aguinaldo's Followers Wish to Be Assured of the Permanence of American Protection Before Giving Up Their Weapons—Stories of Troubles Between Natives and United States Troops or Officials Are Without Foundation—Dewey's Ships Will Be Cleaned at Hong Kong.

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